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A firearm may be carried openly in the Commonwealth of Virginia except where prohibited by statute. Please refer to Sections 18.2-279 through 18.2-311.2 of the Code of Virginia for specific firearm laws.

The open carry of a firearm does not constitute the crime of Brandishing a Firearm. Brandishing is specifically defined in Section 18.2-282 of the Code of Virginia.

## CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT

The carrying of any concealed firearm, hidden from common observation, is prohibited without a permit. Residents of Alexandria who are 21 years or older may apply for a Virginia Resident Concealed Handgun Permit through the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court. For more information visit [www.alexandriava.gov/clerkofcourt](http://www.alexandriava.gov/clerkofcourt).

If you see anything of concern, call the Police non-emergency number at 703.746.4444 for assistance.